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County estimates are published annually by the New York Agricultural Statistics Service for a number of crops, livestock, and farm land use categories. Acreage, yield, and production estimates are made for corn, oats, wheat, and hay. Livestock estimates include the December 1 inventory of hogs and pigs and the January 1 inventory of cattle, beef cows, milk cows, and sheep and lambs on farms, plus the annual average number of cows and total milk production. County estimates of the number of farms and total land in farms, include a breakout of cropland, permanent pasture, and woodland acreage.

Several important sources of information provide the basis for these annual county estimates. Preliminary estimates of crops, farm land uses and livestock numbers are developed from a large scale survey at the end of each year in which over 10,000 farmers across the state are contacted. County acreage information from the Farm Service Agency also receives consideration in preparing several crop estimates. Annual milk production per cow is based on the combined results of milk production surveys conducted monthly throughout the year. Also, state and federal milk marketing order data by county are used in estimating cow numbers, rates of production, and total milk produced.

Revisions, if necessary, are made after considering data that become available after the original estimates are prepared. These include administrative data such as milk marketing receipts and the Census of Agriculture. The Census of Agriculture, collected and published every five years, does not make allowance for incompleteness at the county level. For this reason census numbers are generally lower than data published in this publication.

County estimates prepared by the New York Agricultural Statistics Service include allowances for farmers not sampled, non-respondents and inaccessibles. Milk production totals that exceed reported marketings include a small quantity of milk used on farms where produced. All county level estimates add to state level data shown elsewhere in this publication.

The farm definition for the Census of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) NASS official estimates of farms are now the same. That is, a farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during

the year. Over the last five years, there have been some substantial changes in the farm definition so that the Census of Agriculture and NASS official series would have the same definition. In addition, new industries were added to both counts because of the implementation of the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The following changes were made to ensure comparability between the Census of Agriculture data and the annually published NASS estimates. Beginning in 1995, NASS survey interviewers counted operations having five or more horses or ponies and no other agricultural sales as farms. An operation with one or more horses with agricultural sales of at least \$1,000 already qualified as a farm on both the NASS survey and the Census. Beginning with the 1997 Census of Agriculture, Christmas tree farms and farms that were wholly enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program were included in the census farm count to coincide with the NASS official estimates. Two new industries, Maple Syrup and Short Rotation Woody Crop farms, were added to both counts beginning in 1997 as a result of NAICS.

All the changes in the farm definition occurring over the last five years were carried back to 1993 and included in the 1993-97 estimates. This "level" change ensured comparability not only between the Census of Agriculture data and the annually published NASS estimates, but also between years within this publication. This publication provides five years of consistent estimates. Because of these changes in the farm definition, the official estimates show a sizeable difference in the number of farms between 1992 and 1993 in some counties.





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